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cases even though the wood is found outside the forest reserve, or in the houses of the ryots? Will the Government take immediate steps to prevent such abuse at least hereafter and see to it that the officials are properly instructed?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Wherever and whenever such cases are brought to the notice of Government, proper action will be taken."

Sales tax and licence fees for dealing in handspun yarn in Guntur.

* 930 Q.—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state whether illegal collection of sales tax and licence fees for dealing in handspun yarn has been made by the Commercial Tax authorities in Guntur district; whether any representation has been received by the Government in that behalf and the action taken thereon by the Government?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" No."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" Is it not a fact that in Guntur district the Commercial Tax Officers illegally collected sales tax from small dealers dealing in handspun yarn, when it was specifically announced previously that hnadspun yarn would be exempted from Sales Tax levy?"

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" No, Sir, handspun yarn had always been exempted from sales tax levy."

House Surgeons attached to Coimbatore Headquarters Hospital.

* 931 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) for how many years a House Surgeon can serve in a particular Headquarters Hospital;

(b) how many House Surgeons are remaining in Coimbatore Government Hospital for more than that period; and

(c) why they are retained even after the specific period?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Each House Surgeon or House Physician shall ordinarily hold office for a period of one year but may be continued beyond the period so long as there are no new applicants for the posts. Candidates who have already completed one year's house surgeoncy may be appointed as paid House Surgeons or House Physicians if there are vacancies subject to the condition that preference is given to fresh candidates who have not done house surgeoncy or who have not held previously paid posts of House Surgeons or House Physicians.

" (b) Four.

" (c) Because fresh graduates are not available to fill up all the posts."